

Utah's Legislators Back to School

-a year round civic education program-

Supplemental Materials from NCSL

High School:

- Your Ideas Count! in Time magazine. This special edition of in Time, published by Time magazine for high school students, explores myths and realities about American democracy and challenges students to get involved.
- Your Ideas Count! inTime magazine. (Teacher's Guide) This teacher's guide is designed to accompany the Your Ideas Count! inTime magazine for high school students. It was developed by Time Learning Ventures to spark students' interest in civic engagement.
- Your Ideas Count! Representative Democracy and You. This booklet, geared for adults, challenges readers to think about how they feel about our system of government and how representative democracy relates to them. This booklet would be appropriate for seniors in high school.

Middle/Junior High School:

Your Ideas Count! Questions and Answers about Representative Democracy. This colorful booklet is geared toward middle school and younger high school students and explains that disagreement is a natural part of the legislative process, that debate, negotiation and compromise are necessary, and that students' chances of being heard are better when they join with a group of people who share their views.

Elementary School:

- Your Ideas Count!, TFK Extra! This supplement to Time for Kids, published by Time magazine, tells 4th 6th graders about representative democracy, how laws affect their lives and shows them that legislators are real people. Newly revised for 2005.
- Your Ideas Count! TFK Extra! This fun-filled supplement edition to Time for Kids, published by Time magazine for 2nd 3rd graders, helps them understand some very basic ideas about our system of government.

Videos/DVDs:

- Citizen Brain. ** New for 2005 ** This 15-minute, fun-filled video with live action and animation is geared for 4th 6th graders.
- Your Ideas Count! Questions and Answers about Representative Democracy. This 16-minute dvd (or video), for middle and high school students, tells the story of five kids—Sean Duffy from MTV's Real World Boston and four of his friends—who visit the state capitol to find out what really happens when state lawmakers go into session and get down to business.

Legislators:

Talking Points Card. This easy-to-use-laminated card for legislators provides messages and suggested classroom activities for all grade levels.